REPORTS

—OF THE—

Selectmen and other Town Officers,

—OF—

CHARLESTOWN, N. H.,

—INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE—

Superintending School Committee,

—FOR THE—

Year Ending March 1st. 1878.

CHARLESTOWN, N. H.

DAVID S. HAMLIN, BOOK & JOB PRINTER.

1878.

State of New Hampshire.

SS. To the inhabitants of the town of Charlestown, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Tuesday, the 12th. day of March next. at at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2. To bring in your votes for Governor, Railroad Commissioner, Counselor, Senator, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, and County Commissioner.

3. To choose one or more Representatives to represent said town in the General Court to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday of June next.

4. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of Schools, for the maintainance of the poor, for laying out and repairing Highways, building and repairing Bridges, and for other necessary charges arising within the town.

6. To hear reports of Agents or Committees, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To see if the town will vote to give each and every legal voter and resident tax payer of the town, one copy of the Town History.

8. To see if the town will appropriate $ 40.00 for the purpose of defraying the necessary expense attending the proper observance of Decoration Day.

9. To see if the town will vote the use of the Town Hall to Lincoln Post, No. 28, G. A. R., for six nights during the present year, without expense to the town.

10. To see if the town will vote the use of the Town Hall to the Brass Band 6 nights during the present year without expense to the town.

11. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of $ 50.00 for the purpose of assisting to defray the expense of a Brass Band.

REPORT

—OF THE—

OFFICERS OF THE

Town of Charlestown,

For the year ending March 1st., 1878.

Report of the Selectmen.

The Town at the annual meeting in March, 1877, voted to raise the following sums:

State Tax	$ 2836 00
County Tax	3000 00
Schools	2400 00
Roads and Bridges	1000 00
Town Officers	700 00
Paupers	800 00
Interest on Town Debt	1800 00
Incidentals	600 00
Cemeteries	200 00
Highways	1600 00
	$ 14936 00
Selectmen added	$ 410 74
	$ 15346 74

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN

in account with George Olcott, *Treasurer*.

Cr.

By Railroad tax,	$ 396 22	
Savings Bank tax,	2022 19	
Literary Fund,	163 40	
M. Atwood, school dist,,	1 68	
H. B. Viall, spring,	30 00	
Borrowed on Town Notes,	4750.00	
County paupers,	475 69	
E. Thompson, highway tax,	7 00	
A. G. Graham, guard. H. S. Thompson,	50 00	
E. Cooley, rent Town Hall,	23 19	
H. B. Viall, Collector taxes,	21 29	
Horace Hull, " "	2639 31	
B. Whipple, " "	7520 62	
" " interest,	45 84	
Town Histories sold,	120 00	
		$18266 43

Dr.

Balance due March, 1877,	$ 1496 48
Paid Schools,	2592 17
Roads & Bridges,	790 80
Town Paupers,	774 51
County Paupers,	479 96
Town farm,	740 58
Incidentals,	1601 70
Cemeteries,	483 25
Town Debt,	6888 93
Town Officers,	894 70
	$16743 08
Balance due the Town,	$ 1523 35

GEORGE OLCOTT, *Town Treas.*

March 1st., 1878.

1877. **Schools.**

Paid Luman T. Hodgman,	District No.	1,	$ 151 58
Geo. S. Bond,	"	2 & 3	20 00
" "	"	2 & 3	897 65
Wm. M. Holden,	"	4	207 05
John A. Towner,	"	5	198 26
Chas. A. Way,	"	6	193 86
James E. Perry,	"	7	136 71
George G. Bowen,	"	8	112 90
James W. Fiske,	"	9	158 69
Michæl Meany,	"		27 70
L. Fairbanks, &	"	11	136 71
Frank Snow,	"	12	
R. H. Ramsey,	"	13	132 33
J. R. Densmore &	"		196 57
A. C. Way,	"	14	
Lewis Lane,	"	15 Cl'mt.	22 16
			$ 2592 17

Roads & Bridges.

Michael Meany, breaking roads,	$ 2 25
Charles Hacket, labor,	6 00
Wm. S. Gibson, "	50
Harvey Ellinwood, water course,	2 00
W. J. Stevens, labor,	12 92
Samuel Putnam, Jr., labor,	4 05
Eli Bashaw, breaking roads,	1 72
Levi Heywood, "	2 50
Eli Bashaw, "	3 28
S. P. Osgood, labor,	19 75
Wm. Putnam, railing and damage,	10 00
Metcalf & Hamlin, plank,	42 60
H. Hull, work on bridges & car gravel,	2 06
H. N. Dodge, labor breaking roads,	4 75
Dexter Bradford, labor on highway.	40 00
H. H. Miller, digging stone out,	3 00
W J. Stevens, labor,	9 04
Horace Hull, labor,	4 50

R. R. Allen, labor,	1 50
George Burnham, "	19 80
" " "	58 20
Dexter Bradford, "	26 00
Geo. A. White, picking out stone,	1 00
A. D. Hull, cash paid for labor and gravel,	32 21
A. P. Foss, blacksmithing,	3 60
Ed. Megrath, labor,	1 05
C. B. Williamson, labor,	3 90
S. P. Osgood, repairing two bridges & labor,	42 52
Frank Snow, labor,	11 70
Eli Adams, "	26 25
S. G. Anderson, plank,	3 00
Daniel George, water trough,	3 00
H. H. Miller, labor,	1 00
Metcalf & Hamlin, plank,	26 52
James B. Anderson, labor,	39 01
E. H. Putnam, railing,	10 20
W. J, Stevens, water course,	1 75
Geo. A. White, labor,	2 00
H. Metcalf, plank,	12 43
Geo. H. Powers, use of gravel pit,	3 00
Hiram Smith, labor and gravel,	22 90
Lucian Lane, gravel pit,	3 00
J. B. Anderson, water course and labor,	22 00
B. W. Putnam, use of gravel pit,	7 50
W. S. Gibson, cleaning out ditch,	60
C. W. Fairbrother, building culvert,	25 00
Allen Evans, bal. on highway book,	3 50
J. W. Taylor, rep'r'ng culvert & bridge labor,	41 00
Fred H. Locke, labor,	5 70
R. W. Piper, plank and labor,	1 25
John L. Tuttle, fixing water,	1 00
S. P. Osgood, labor above taxes,	15 74
H. C. Johnson, snowing bridge,	2 50
Square G. Smith, water trough,	3 00
Lewis Lane, " "	3 00
Aaron Clark, cash for labor,	2 00
Wm. Hamlin, water trough,	3 00
James Jardine, work above taxes,	10 60
Josiah Cobb, labor on Park street,	33 00
Eli Adams, labor,	1 90

R. R. Robertson, breaking roads,	4 00
Dexter Bradford, " "	7 75
E. F. Hubbard, " " & water trough	6 00
George Lamb, breaking roads,	3 15
H. H. Miller, " "	5 10
James W. Fiske, " "	9 50
Horace Hull, fixing water,	1 75
George Burnham, labor,	32 25
A. D. Hull, labor,	5 41
Brooks Kimball, water trough,	3 00
Michael Maney,	4 20
	$ 790 80

Town Paupers.

M. J. Chamberlain, Strickland,	$ 15 00
Mrs. Campbell, tramps,	46 50
Mrs. M. J. Chamberlain, Strickland,	12 00
F. W. Putnam, tramps,	3 25
J. B. Dinsmore, "	41 50
Mrs. Campbell, "	37 50
W. H. Labaree, 1-4 bbl. flour,	2 15
M. J. Chamberlain, Strickland,	12 00
F. W. Putnam, tramps,	3 75
M. J. Chamberlain, Strickland,	15 00
Mrs. N. Jones, board Mrs. Garfield,	9 00
R. W. Piper, tramps,	18 50
Mrs. Campbell, board of Gregg,	20 30
J. B. Dinsmore, tramps,	10 50
M. J. Chamberlain, Strickland,	12 00
James A. Hunt, for Miles,	2 50
M. J. Chamberlain, Strickland,	12 00
N. G. Brooks, Dr. bill,	19 50
W. H. Labaree, Chas. Hunt,	43 00
F. W. Putnam, tramps,	4 25
Mrs. M. J. Chamberlain,	12 00
W. H. Labaree, Chas. Hunt	20 00
R. W. Piper, tramps,	6 50
State Reform school, Thompson boy,	26 00
Mrs. M. J. Chamberlain,	12 00
F. W. Putnam, tramps,	2 70

J. P. Bates, paupers,	2 45	
State Reform School,	19 50	
M. J. Chamberlain, Strickland,	12 00	
W. H. Labaree, E. M. Harris,	2 40	
W. H. Labaree, Charles Hunt,	32 00	
J. A. Hunt, M. J. Chamberlain,	4 62	
W. H. Labaree, C. Hunt & Corbin,	20 20	
M. J. Chamberlain, Strickland,	15 00	
N. G. Brooks, Corbin family,	11 00	
M. J. Chamberlain, Strickland,	12 00	
W. H. Labaree, C. Hunt,	16 00	
J. B. Dinsmore, tramps,	75 50	
State Reform school, Thompson boy,	8 16	
Briggs & Co., tramp pair boots,	2 50	
S. P. Osgood, tramps,	17 25	
M. J. Chamberlain, Strickland,	12 00	
W. H. Labaree, E. F. Corbin,	2 28	
W. H. Labaree, C. Hunt,	12 00	
R. R. Allen, E. Corbin,	1 00	
R. W. Piper, tramps,	5 50	
Metcaif & Hamlin, E. Corbin,	1 00	
State Reform school, Thompson boy,	26 00	
R. Robertson, Eugene Smith & Reed,	8 00	
J. Emery Corbin, R. Reed,	75	
J. B. Dinsmore, meals for tramps,	36 00	
		$ 774 51

County Paupers.

Lucy A. Lynds, Derby,	$ 5 00
Warren H. Dodge, Derby,	10 50
F. W. Putnam, Lague & Mrs. Freeman,	17 55
Joseph Lague,	7 00
J. P. Bancroft, R. Heywood,	36 95
W. H. Labaree, store bill,	44 52
James A. Hunt, pair shoes,	1 00
Richard Robertson, paupers,	17 05
Geo. Burnham, Derby family,	8 25
J. P. Bancroft, R. P. Heywood,	33 98
Metcalf & Hamlin, county paupers,	8 00
F. S. Barbour, Derby,	50

N. G. Brooks, "	20 00	
W. H. Labaree, "	19 50	
" " "	7 50	
" " E. M. Harris,	2 25	
J. P. Bancroft, R. P. Heywood,	41 70	
J. P. Bates, meat,	14 72	
W. H. Labaree, Derby,	12 00	
Richard Robertson, Mrs. Mullen,	6 00	
W. H. Labaree, Derby,	12 50	
D. G. Stoughton, transient,	2 85	
H. C. Ellenwood, Derby family,	17 50	
N. G. Brooks, " "	24 00	
J. P. Bancroft, R. P. Heywood,	61 14	
W. H. Labaree, Derby & Harris,	17 00	
Richard Robertson, Mrs. Mullen,	6 00	
James A. Hunt, Mrs. Garfield,	2 25	
W. H. Labaree, Derby,	6 00	
W. H. Labaree, E. M. Harris,	6 00	
Ed. Cooley, Daniel Straw,	5 00	
E. H. Tidd, Mrs. Harris,	5 75	
		$ 479 96

Town Farm.

Richard Robertson, meal,	$ 5 20	
W. H. Labaree, store bill,	14 01	
Obrien & Benware, blacksmithing,	2 30	
Ed. Cooley, store bill,	9 81	
Metcalf & Hamlin, store bill,	17 64	
M. C. Milliken, blacksmithing,	14 54	
John L. McCrae, bal. services,	109 77	
E. F. Hubbard, use of bull & boar,	7 00	
Benjamin Whipple, Administrator,	15 00	
		$ 195 27

Cemeteries.

Cyrus Blake, labor in cemetery,	$ 10 34	
John S. Fish, lumber,	21 60	
George Burnham, labor,	5 00	
Geo. S. Bond, fountain,	293 00	
Cyrus Blake, labor Fort Hill,	10 00	

R. R. Allen, cash paid I. Perry, old Cemetery,	2 50	
R. R. Allen, Fort Hill C. posts,	8 80	
Cyrus Blake, labor in cemetery,	9 63	
" " " "	5 03	
Wilber F. Merrill, repairing hearse,	11 00	
H. C. Ellenwood, building fence,	22 85	
B. W. Putnam, for Posts,	10 00	
H. C. Ellenwood, services,	51 00	
Wilber F. Merrill, burials,	19 00	
E. H. Tidd, breaking roads,	1 50	
Geo. Burnham,	2 00	
		$ 481 25

Town Debt.

Paid Samuel Webber, Int. on note, No. 32,..	$ 60 00
" Trustees West, Hall & Prouty fund, Int. on notes No. 81, 91, 90, 86, 89, 87, 88,.....	226 65
" S. P. Hiland, Int. on notes Nos. 51, 73,..	48 00
" Trustees West, Hall & Prouty fund, Int. on notes Nos. 90, 91, 81, 88, 89, 87, 86,.....	4650 00
" Samuel Neal, Int. on note No. 54....	180 00
" Ella J. Lewis, " " " 58....	18 00
" Conn. River Savings Bank, Int. on Notes Nos. 74, 75,.....	83 39
" B. Whipple, Int. on Notes No. 77.....	12 00
" S. G. Whipple, Int. on Notes No. 76..	14 40
" E. L. Holton, " " " 27, 78	114 00
" H. M. Robertson, " " " 79..	300 00
" A. Jackman, " " " 72..	100 00
" E. Bailey, " " " 59..	56 28
" E. Bailey, " " " 61..	12 00
" Nancy Green, " " " 80..	11 10
" Sarah Aldrich, " " " 82..	300 00
" Mary B. Lewis, " " " 63..	30 00
" J. R. Walker, " " "	12 00
" S. G. Whipple, " " "	12 00
" Ellen M. Harris, " " " 67..	6 00

Paid	G. Olcott, L. C. H. R. Int. note No. 85,	36	50
"	" " " " 75,	31	03
"	" " " " 74,	9	13
"	Nancy Tarbell, " " " 31,	22	50
"	James R. Walker, " " " 47,	60	00
"	Alonzo Jackman, " " " 72,	86	92
"	John Stone, " " " 68,	87	00
"	Silas Stone, " " " 70,	15	00
"	Sarah W. Stone, " " " 69,	12	60
"	Sarah P. Hiland, " " " 51,	48	00
"	Int. on over draft,.....	235	03
		$ 6888	93

Town Officers.

Paid	C. E. Whipple, services, 1876,.....	$ 68 25
"	Geo. Hubbard, Auditor "	5 00
"	Abel Hunt, " "	5 00
"	Samuel E. Gowing, " "	5 00
"	C. E. Whipple, services.....	20 50
"	C. E. Whipple, " 1877.....	39 00
"	C. E. Whipple, " "	25 95
"	B. Whipple, collector.....	150 00
"	S. P. Osgood, constable & care tramps,	75 00
"	Geo. Olcott, town treasurer.....	50 00
"	R. R. Allen, Selectman, overseer poor,	145 00
"	R. W. Piper, Selectman.....	106 00
"	F. W. Putnam, Selectman.....	150 00
"	C. C. Kimball, town clerk.....	50 00
		$ 894 70

Account of the Town Farm.

Dr.

Amount paid from town treasury,	$ 740 58
Interest on value of farm,	180 00
Decrease on personal property,	214 11
	$ 1134 69

Incidentals.

Paid Henry R. Cram, abatement tax.....	$	57
" D. S. Hamlin, Town Beports.....	36	00
" " " printing.....	2	50
" Geo. Olcott, Express.....	1	98
" Claremont Manufacturing Co., Sta'n'y.	1	31
" Horace Hull, abatement tax.....	62	98
" J. B. Dinsmoor, lumber.....	7	50
" D. S. Hamlin, printing.....	1	90
" C. C. Kimball, highway books.....	3	00
" J. B. Dinsmoor, land for lobby.....	25	00
" S. A. Spooner, building lock-up.....	350	00
" Obrien & Benware, lock-up bill.....	11	00
" Ephraim Hill, abatement tax.....	6	60
" D. S. Hamlin, tax notices.....	3	00
" Chas. Sparrow, damage.....	18	00
" Chas. Allen, 2nd., abatement.....	2	01
" S. A. Spooner, berths in lobby & labor,	20	15
" W. B. Clark, beds in lock-up.....	28	00
" N. G. Brooks, births & deaths returned,	8	25
" E Cooley, water closet and repairs....	74	25
" C. C. Kimball, school books.....	4	30
" A. T. Batchelder, Insurance T. Hall...	100	00
" Wm. Parker, Bounty.....		50
" M. C. Blake, "	1	10
" R. R. Allen, attendance court.....	5	00
" C. E. Whipple, bounty.....		50
" W. H. Labaree, Lynds house.....		55
" A. G. Graham, paints for town clock..	11	70
" Hannah Cobb, 6 bed quilts.....	14	50
" Geo. Hubbard, Insurance town clock..	10	00
" C. C. Kimball, " T. Halls....	140	00
" D. S. Hamlin, printing.....	3	50
" Geo. Olcott, Town History.....	7	00
" S. P. Osgood, stove for lobby.....	8	00
" Mark Lane, bounty.....	1	50
" A. D. Hull, abatement tax.....	15	00
" G. R. Cushing, bounty.....		50
" Fred Locke, abatement tax.....	6	60
" H. H. Miller, attendance in court.....	1	50
" James Lyons, burying heifer.....	1	00

"	I. G. Gibson, attendance court.....	1 50
"	C. C. Kimball, Insurance Histories....	31 00
"	" " bounty.....	2 50
"	Mark Lane, bounty.....	1 50
"	Geo. S. Bond, bill.....	11 89
"	D. S. Hamlin, printing.....	3 50
"	Horace Hull, labor.....	75
"	Wesley Perry, bounty.....	50
"	W. H. Labaree, printing.....	2 50
"	T. R. Melville, painting town clock....	19 58
"	J. C. Fairbrother, abatement taxes....	1 47
"	C. W. Fairbrother, " "	1 41
"	R. R. Allen, attendance court.....	5 00
"	J. C. Stebbins, abatement taxes.....	1 61
"	F. W. Putnam, Hunt suit.....	56 90
"	R. Robertson, wood T. Hall.....	3 00
"	E. V. Gay.....	7 00
"	S. P. Osgood, Hunt case.....	23 09
"	A. T. Batchelder, attorney service....	120 00
"	Ira Colby, " "	30 00
"	C. W. Tolles, Hunt suit.....	63 00
"	Geo. Hubbard, services.....	5 60
"	R. W. Piper, bounty.....	1 20
"	D. S. Hamlin, printing.....	5 75
"	E. Cooley, moving snow.....	1 00
"	Joseph Burt, care of Town Clock.....	14 00
"	R. R. Allen, bounty.....	50
"	" " attendance at court.....	8 00
"	Geo. H. Chatterton, bounty.....	40
"	H. C. Ellenwood, for hearse.....	7 65
"	Geo. W. Hamlin, weighing.....	80
"	H. B. Viall, abatement taxes, 1874...	17 57
"	" " affidavits for tramps.....	17 85
"	C. C. Kimball, stationery, &c.....	18 58
"	B. Whipple, abatement taxes, 1877...	51 74
"	J. B. Dinsmoor, ab't'mt. dog tax, 1877,	2 00
"	Geo. R. Cushing, abatement tax, 1877,	8 05
"	Rufus Heywood, bounty.....	1 00
"	" " wood.....	3 75
"	" " "	3 75
		$ 1553 70

Sheep Killed.

James B. Anderson,	$ 3 50
Mark Lane,	8 00
Beza F. Woods,	6 00
Henry Willard,	18 00
John Miler,	12 50
	$ 48 00

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

BENJAMIN WHIPPLE, Collector, in account with the town of Charlestown,

Dr.

Tax Bill 1877,	$15287 07	
Interest received,	45 84	
		$ 15332 91

Cr.

Paid State Tax,	$ 2836 00	
" County Tax,	3030 45	
" G. Olcott, town treas'r	7520 62	
" G. Olcott, Interest	45 84	
" Precinct tax	700 00	
" High School tax	800 00	
		$ 14932 91
In hands of collector,		$ 400 00
In " " Dog tax,		143 00
		$ 543 00

Tramp Account.

Mary J. Campbell,	$ 46 50
J. W. Putnam,	3 25

J. B. Dinsmoor,	41 50
Mary J. Campbell,	37 50
F. W. Putnam,	3 75
R. W. Piper,	18 50
J. B. Dinsmoor,	10 50
F. W. Putnam,	4 25
R. W. Piper,	6 50
F. W. Piper,	2 70
J. B. Dinsmoor,	75 50
S. P. Osgood,	17 25
R. W. Piper,	5 50
H. B. Viall, taking affidavits,	17 85
J. B. Dinsmoor,	36 00
	$ 327 05

Whole number tramps fed and lodged, 840.

Town Indebtedness.

March 1st., 1877.

Note No. 21	$ 375 00
" 27	1000 00
" 32	1000 00
" 47	1000 00
" 48	70 00
" 51	300 00
" 54	3000 00
" 58	100 00
" 59	938 00
" 61	200 00
" 63	500 00
" 64	200 00
" 65	300 00
" 67	100 00
" 68	1450 00
" 69	210 00
" 70	250 00
" 71	400 00
" 72	1400 00
" 73	500 00
" 74	250 00

Note No. 75	850 00		
" 76	240 00		
" 77	200 00		
" 78	900 00		
" 79	5000 00		
" 80	185 00		
" 82	5000 00		
" 38	200 00		
" 84	100 00		
" 85	1000 00		
" 92	4650 00		
" 93	100 00		
		$ 31968	00

Assets of the Town.

Town Farm	$ 3500	00	
Personal property of Town Farm,	2327	44	
Town Hall and Furniture,	16000	00	
Gravel Pit,	100	00	
Town Safe,	100	00	
Road scraper,	125	00	
Geo. Lynds' note secured by mortgage,	200	00	
In hands H. B. Viall, coll., 1874,	114	83	
" H. Hull, coll., 1875, 1876,	648	31	
" " Int. collected,	73	53	
" B. Whipple, coll. 1877,	400	00	
" " " " dog tax,	143	00	
760 copies Town History on hand at $3 00 per copy,	2280	00	
		$ 26012	11
Which if deducted from town debt, would leave a balance of		5955	89

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN,

In account with EDWARD COOLEY, custodian of Town Hall.

Cr.

1877.

12 Free Public Meetings,

19 Meetings paying expenses only,
11 Meetings paying rent,

43 in all amounting to.....$ 110 50

Dr.

Services as Custodian,.....		$38 00
Hiram Green, services for Mar. 1877,....		4 75
5855 Lbs. coal,.....		22 86
71 Gallons oil,.....		14 20
Wood,.....		7 50
		$ 87 31
Paid Town Treasurer,.....	$23 19	
Coal, Oil & Wood on hand,.....	15 00	
Cost of Free Meetings,.....	22 50	
		$ 60 69
By Coal, Oil & Wood on hand 1876		9 50
Net Town Hall receipts,.....		$ 51 19

EDWARD COOLEY, *Custodian.*

MARCH 1ST., 1878.

The Selectmen recommend the raising of the following sums for the ensuing year:

For State Tax.....	$ 2836 00
" County Tax.....	3156 72
" Schools.....	2400 00
" Roads and Bridges.....	1000 00
" Town Officers.....	800 00

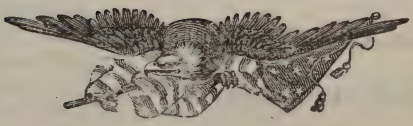
" Paupers	800	00
" Interest on Town Debt	1800	00
" Incidentals	600	00
" Cemeteries	200	00
" Highways	2000	00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT R. ALLEN,
R. W. PIPER,
F. W. PUTNAM,
Selectmen of Charlestown.

We have examined the within accounts and find the same to be correct and properly vouched.

H. B. VIALL,
ABEL HUNT,
R. W. ROBERTSON.
Auditors.



ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING, MAR. 1st., 1878.

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Believing the interest of our schools demand that their condition and wants be more generally understood, and that all personal reflections upon the teachers to be useless and unkind, I shall make this more of a school report, and less of a teachers report than my preceding one.

In every case, when defects have been discovered in the method of teaching, they have been immediately corrected; and a tardy rehearsal of them here would not be beneficial, from the fact that I cannot prevail upon the people of this town to visit the schools, and see for themselves. I shall in this public way mention some of the improvements of the past year; some of our past errors, and some of our future needs. In many cases there has been an improvement in those little details that make the school-room cheerful and comfortable. I feel like expressing my thanks to those committees, who by personal effort have brightened the school-

room and implanted or strengthened a higher feeling of refinement by this simple act. But in many cases the "penny wise and pound foolish" policy has been pursued, "we want as long school as possible and although the blackboard needs a new coat of paint, and the walls a coat of whitewash, I guess it will go this year." A cheap teacher is hired and is expected to have a long interesting term. This is all wrong; your cheap teacher usually (not always,) lacks the fire that stimulates and inspires.

The scholars haven't the right model, and are forming wrong habits of study; they lack the inspiration that makes hard study a pleasure, the surroundings are gloomy and they become discouraged and morose.

I had almost said, that the shorter such a term the better, and fully believe a term of half the length with an earnest teacher and pleasant surroundings, would do more to develope the strong, brave aspiring men and women that we so much need.

If instead of electing your prudential committees in regular rotation, you would elect a person who is interested and keep him in office, and he in turn hire a good teacher and keep him, all this unprofitable experimenting with new teachers could be prevented.

We need to exercise more care in selecting teachers. In some cases teachers have been hired without being known, or even seen, by the committee, and set to work without visiting the S. S. C. Such a course may prove successful, but the risk is too great.

We need a more systematic classification of our schools. The teachers time is divided into so many small sections that they have time only for a few hurried questions. Our district school teachers have, as an average, twenty-five classes to hear in one day, when in justice they should have only half that number. But I will turn from our wants and speak of some of our actual possessions.

Our Primary and Grammar schools are realities of which we may be proud. Credit is due to the committee that retained the same teachers to labor in those schools; but the highest praise should be given to the

teachers who have raised the schools so near perfection. But in our case as in a previous one "there was given a thorn in the flesh," Our High school is so far below what it should be, that it is like a thorn in those who are interested. Circumstance precludes the possibility of retaining the same teacher, for any great length of time.

This had a bad influence upon the school, and in addition to this, I believe that the lifeless condition of our village, and the general lassitude that prevails has a tendency to diminish the energy of those scholars who should be so keenly alive. Our high school should be of so high a grade that it would draw in from the outside districts those scholars that desire to continue a course of study. If the school is ever raised to its proper rank, it will be through the united efforts of some earnest, capable teacher, and all the people of the district who are interested,

The Winter Term in District No, 4, was a partial failure, for want of tact in governing on the part of the teacher and a great lack of interest with the district. In No. 13, the interest that should have remained in the day school, was transferred to *evening* parties. All the remaining schools were well conducted, and creditable work has been accomplished. Perhaps the teacher of the winter term in district No. 1 & 7, deserve a word of commendation for the degree of interest maintained throughout the *very long term.*

A part of the difficulty of classification could be removed, by a uniformity of Text Books, and, that all may know what books are to be used for the next three years, I will give a list of books that have been accepted the school year for 1877-78.

Swinton's U. S. History, Cornell's Series of Geographies (with supplement) Harvey's series English Grammars, Monroe's Speller.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Containing the names of all the Scholars who have not been absent or tardy during the term.

DISTRICT No. 1. Teacher, Miss Mary Fletcher. 1st Term—Laura Edson, Kate Hodgman, Lewis Adams, Frank Piper. 2nd Term—Kate Hodgman, Laury Edson, Willie Adams, Lewis Adams, Harry Bates.

Mrs. Mary Putnam, North Primary for the Year.—Ella Richardson, Ida Butterfield, Josie Williams, Myra Foss, Lottie Blanchard, Josie Breed, Nettie Breed, Freddie Ensworth, Freddie Mace, Nellie Tyter, Ida Hutchins, Hattie Daniels, Lena Sparrow.

Miss Louise Grinnell, S. Primary.—Flora Stoughton, Lizzie Allen, Maggie Lynch, Lizzie Morris, Nellie Swan, Lila Willard, Lillie Provost, Mary Lynch, Myrtie Provost, Henry Dugan, William Lynche, William Blake, Fred Blake, Perley Waite, Thomas Davis, John Lynch, Patrick Davis, Sarah Gibson, Edward Ames, George Blake, Anna Smith.

Miss Orrie Perham, Grammar School—Esther Smith, Lilla Moore, Helen Sullivan, Kate Malony, Ella Breed, Flora Breed, Winnie Bond, Galen Hull, Geo. O'rear, Harry Franklin, Herbert Bond, Coleman Waite, Fred Miller, Bertie Bemis, Chas. Ensworth, Ned Harlow, Joseph Harlow, James Lynch, Chattie Kimball, Marion Carr, Maggie Marconey, Sarah Hall, Ella Baldwin, Lucy Dunsmore, Hannah Tyter, Joseph Nickerson.

HIGH SCHOOL, Teachers, Messrs. Stimson and Lord. George A. Pierce, Robert Jardine, Mary E. Hamlin, Mary A. Holden, Emma Dodge. Lovell H, Stearns, 2d and 3d terms. George A. Pierce, Mary Hamlin. Luella F. Smith, No. 5, 1st and 2nd terms. Helen F. Towner, Annie L. Graves, Willie C. Towner, Harry W. Towner.

Miss C. F. Smith, No. 5, 3d term. Ara Powers, Harry Towner, Mary Perry, Fannie Hamlin.

Clara Perkins, No. 6, 1st term. Willis M. Perry, Albert S. Neal. C. E. Whipple 2d term. Allen Way.

Louise Allen, No. 7, 1st, term. Ada Perrry, Jennie Perry, Della Perry Lewis Perry. Rozella Perry 2d term. Bessie Johnson, Nathan Allen. Charles Hubbard, Mertie Frost, Jennie Perry, Della Perry, Fred Johnson, Lewis Perry, Nathan Allen James Allen, Os-

car Landon.

Nellie M. Buswell, No. 8, 1st term, Nellie Moody 2d term; Nettie W. Hubbard, No. 9, 1st term, Ormund B. Hall 2d term; David Hanning, No. 10. Mary Meany, Annie Meany, Annie Condon, David Meany, Michael Meany Bridget Meaney.

Abbie Giffin, No. 11, 1st and 2d term. Mary Adams, Amy Adams Olive Adams, Ira Adams, Edward Adams, Effie Fairbanks, Mary Hearns, Charles Hearns, Michel Hearns, Adams K. Davis Cassius O. Dubia.

No. 12, had no school.

Sarah A. Porter, No. 13, 1st term. Gracie Robertson, Ida Phillips, Emma Phillips. Ada A. Woodbury 2d term. Sarah Albee, Hattie Albee, Ida Phillips, Gracie Robertson.

Alma Clark, No. 14, 1st term, Abbie J. Woodbury 2d term.

In a few cases the registers have not been returned. This is doing injustice to yourself, your own school, but especially to the teacher of the summer term who is thus deprived of representation in the above list by your carlessness. Hoping this notice of faithful and punctual scholars will encourage others to be early and earnest in their journey up the hill of science; "the greater the height the broader the view."

Respectfully,

C. E. WHIPPLE, S. S. C.

12. To see if the town will vote the use of the Town Hall to the Temperance Reform Club of Charlestown, once a month during the present year, without expense to the town.

13. To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation, for the term of ten years, the property of, and real estate owned or occupied by any individual or company or corporation, (excepting dwelling houses and property not connected therewith) who shall establish a business in this town, in which shall be employed not less than 15 hands, and in which shall be used not less than $10.000 as capital stock investment, or working capital, or both.

14. To see if the town will vote to make a discount of 5 per cent on all taxes paid before the 1st. day of July.

15. To see if the town will vote a sufficient sum of money to underdrain the lower end of the village, carrying the surface water off from Sherman Paris' corner, or near there.

16. To see if the town will vote to fund its debt and issue Bonds for that purpose with coupons for interest, and determine the time when such Bonds and Interest Coupons shall be made payable, and authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to execute aud negotiate such Bonds.

Given under our hands and seal, this 23d day of Feb., A. D 1878.

R. R. ALLEN,
R. W. PIPER,
F. W. PUTNAM.
} Selectmen of Charlestown.

James A. Hunt,

HEADQUARTERS

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YOURS RESPECTFULLY,

JAMES A. HUNT.

State of New Hampshire.

L. S. To the inhabitants of the town of Charlestown qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town on Tuesday the 11th day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, for the maintenance of the poor, for laying out and repairing highways, building and repairing bridges; and for other necessary charges arising within the town.

Article 4. To hear reports of Agents or Committees and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 5. To see what action the town will take in the Charles Hunt case.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway commencing west of Henry Church's house running north east to Unity Line.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the highway commencing at the forks of the roads west of A. A. Loveland's house, running north-east to the forks of the roads at the top of the hill on the road leading from North Charlestown Depot to Unity.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to make the highway leading from the house occupied by D. G. Stoughton, south to River Street, two rods wide and cause the same to be put in condition for travel, or discontinue said road.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to give the Reform Club the use of the Town Hall once in two weeks without expense to the Club.

Given under our hands and seal this 22d day of February A. D. 1879.

CHARLES GAY, } Selectmen
SULLIVAN J. DEMARY, } of Charlestown.

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